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SUBJECT: ICELAND' S INTEREST IN USCG CUTTER

REF: STATE 055693; REYKJAVIK 0345

1. LAST NIGHT PRIME MINISTER APPROACHED ME AGAIN ON ABOVE SUBJECT:. THIS TIME HE STATED HE NEEDED CUTTER FOR USE IN FISHING LIMITS DISPUTE. HE SAID IF WASHINGTON WANTED TO BE NEUTRAL IN FISHING LIMITS DISPUTE HE COULD ALSO BE NEUTRAL IN A MATTER OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE TO USG. HE THEN ADDED HE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE IDF RETENTION ISSUE AND IF WE EXPECTED HIM TO FIGHT TO KEEP THE BASE IN ICELAND WE HAD TO HELP HIM OUT ON HIS PROBLEM. I TRIED TO TELL HIM RETENTION OF IDF WAS NOT STRICTLY A USG MATTER AND THAT RETENTION WAS EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT FOR ICELAND' S INTERESTS AND NATO' S, BUT HE SEEMED TO HAVE A ONE- TRACK MIND ON THIS. I GAVE HIM NO ENCOURAGEMENT BUT SAID I WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONVERSATION DESCRIBED ABOVE THAT SAME EVENING THE FONMIN ASKED ME IF PRIME MINISTER REQUESTED I INTERVENE IN THE COAST GUARD CUTTER MATTER. WHEN I REPLIED CONFIDENTIAL

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IN THE AFFIRMATIVE HE ASKED ME TO IGNORE THE REQUEST.
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